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The Honorable Charles F. Ruff
Watergate Special Prosecution Force
Department of Justice
1425 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Ruff:

In accordance with your request, attached are copies of two letters and a note from Mr. James McCord to Mr. Bill Colby that we discussed today.

If I can assist further with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to advise.

Sincerely,



Assistant General Counsel

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Attachments



8 June 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request of the Special Prosecutor

During my meeting today with the Special Prosecutor and Mr. John Lydick of his office, the Special Prosecutor requested the Agency to inquire as to the knowledge of [redacted] [redacted] regarding [redacted] In particular, the Special Prosecutor has a source of information which told him that [redacted] discussed with that source the activities of [redacted] The Special Prosecutor is particularly interested in information reflecting the movement of money by [redacted] or on his behalf, particularly in and out of Geneva.

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Assistant General Counsel
General Law Division

Enclosures

8 June 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Special Prosecutor with Regard to the
McCord Letters

1. On 24 May 1976, Mr. Colby called explaining that he had recently met with Mr. James McCord and his attorney. Subsequent to such a meeting, Mr. McCord had written Mr. Colby on two separate occasions. Mr. Colby was seeking our advice as to what, if anything, he should do with the letters. We discussed the Agency's previous unpleasant experience regarding letters from Mr. McCord after he was arrested at the Watergate. Accordingly, I asked Mr. Colby to send the letters here at which point we could determine the proper disposition.

2. Upon receiving the letters from Mr. Colby on 2 June, I called him to discuss the matter further. We agreed that this Office would discuss the matter further with the Special Prosecutor. Mr. Colby told me he would inform Mr. McCord.

3. Today, I met with the Special Prosecutor and Mr. John Lydick, of the Special Prosecutor's office. Both read the two letters and the note from Mr. McCord and agreed that nothing therein seemed immediately relevant to their current investigations; however, they did request that I furnish them copies of the letters and note. The Special Prosecutor did ask me about the reference in one of the letters to [redacted] I explained that [redacted] had a previous association with the Agency and Mr. McCord, and that association became relevant during the Watergate inquiry. As a result, the Agency compiled a volume of material concerning [redacted] Such volume was previously furnished to the Special Prosecutor.

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Assistant General Counsel
General Law Division

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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your courtesy and openness in meeting with us yesterday. It was helpful in resolving the legal issues we have.

For clarification, I wanted to comment on Rufus' reference to "Harlon Brando at CIA." What he was referring to was the following, and nothing more. For some months there has been a story floating in the press, coming from one particular reporter, that a Mafia-type in Texas, a big-timer, had made some sizable political bribery payments to both George Bush and John Connally. This was apparently some years ago. The reporter had either first hand, or near first-hand, information from the Mafia type on the subject. If the Senate sluffed off the allegation, as they can sometimes do, and if the FBI was not able to resolve the matter any better than they did Watergate, then the nation may be in deep trouble-- if the Soviets, the Chinese, or even the Mafia itself either make the price high enough at some future time, or for that matter try a blackmail ploy based on other payoffs. The trial jury's resolution of the other John Connally bribery charge left many people in doubt, of course. If you don't have the reporter's name and want to make your own assessment of the story I'll be glad to give it to you.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Jim McGowan

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